

October 6, 2016

Report To: Mayor & Council

From: Doug Brown, CAO

SUBJECT: Submission of Funding Application under the New Clean Water & Wastewater Fund (CWWF) Program

On September 14, 2016, the Town was notified that it is eligible to receive funding under the new CWWF program. See attached letter dated September 14, 2016 from Elizabeth Doherty of the Ministry of Infrastructure. The program is based on 50% Federal government funding, 25% Provincial government funding and 25% municipal government funding where the respective eligible funding has been set at \$638,506 from the Federal government, \$319,253 from the Provincial government and the Town portion set at \$319,253. A project cost of \$1,277,012 or more should be considered to be submitted under the CWWF program.

As a result of reviewing the program guidelines for making a submission, the Town must attest that the project incrementality has been met when one of the following conditions has been met;

1. The project would not otherwise have taken place in 2016-17 or 2017-18; and/or
2. The project would not have been undertaken without Federal funding

At this time the project to be considered is the reconstruction of 2nd Street East between Mowat Avenue & Portage Avenue. The length of the project is approximately 203 meters. The reason why this project has been suggested is for these reasons;

- The sanitary sewer main along this section of roadway has a poor condition rating as outlined in the Town Asset Management Plan.
- The watermain is quite old installed in 1913 (104 years old in 2017).
- The asphalt driving surface has deteriorated to a point that replacement is necessary in the next 2 to 5 years.

Council should approve this project to be submitted under the CWWF program where it will **only** be completed during the 2017 construction season if funding is obtained under this program. The deadline for the

application submission is October 31, 2016 where the Town will be notified in early January if the project funding has been approved.

The O & F Executive committee recommends the following;

- 1) That the Reconstruction of 2nd Street East between Mowat Avenue & Portage Avenue be selected as the project to be submitted under the CWWF program.
- 2) That the project will not proceed in 2017 unless the funding from the CWWF program is obtained.
- 3) That if funding is obtained under the CWWF program, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the funding agreements with the Provincial government.

Respectfully submitted,



Doug Brown, CAO

Council approval of this report will ensure the following:

- 1) That the Reconstruction of 2nd Street East between Mowat Avenue & Portage Avenue be selected as the project to be submitted under the CWWF program.
- 2) That the project will not precede in 2017 unless the funding from the CWWF program is obtained.
- 3) That if funding is obtained under the CWWF program, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the funding agreements with the Provincial government.

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September 14, 2016

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Dear CAO:

The 2016 Federal Budget announced the establishment of a Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) that proposes to invest up to \$569.6 million in the province of Ontario for immediate improvements to water distribution and treatment infrastructure, starting in 2016-17.

CWWF will provide municipalities with vital infrastructure funding to help accelerate short term investments to support the rehabilitation and modernization of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and the planning and design of future facilities and upgrades to existing systems.

The provision of CWWF funding is governed by a bilateral agreement between Canada and Ontario, with the Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure being responsible for the administration of CWWF. The federal government will contribute 50% of the eligible project costs, up to the maximum federal allocation noted below. In addition, the Province will contribute 25% of eligible project costs, up to the maximum provincial allocation noted below.

Municipality allocations under the CWWF are based on the amount of water, wastewater and stormwater assets owned by municipalities and their economic conditions. Grants for First Nations are based on each community's population on reserve. All recipients receive a minimum of \$75,000.

Projects must be complete with all costs incurred prior to March 31, 2018. Where need is demonstrated, up to 25% of costs can extend beyond March 31, 2018. Extensions beyond March 31, 2018 require pre-approval by the Province and the Federal Government.

I am pleased to note that, Town of Fort Frances will be eligible to receive a maximum federal allocation of \$638,506 and a maximum provincial allocation of \$319,253.

In order to submit an application to receive CWWF funding and access the CWWF Program Guide, please visit:

<http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR015994.html>.

Please note that eligible recipients must complete in full and submit electronically a CWWF Project List Template to the email identified on the Grants Ontario web portal by October 31, 2016.

For more information on how to complete each component, in addition to information regarding general program requirements and eligibility criteria please refer to the CWWF Program Guide.

If you have any questions regarding the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF), please contact Infrastructure Ontario, at 1-844-803-8856.

Sincerely,



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